

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-30 (Cancelled).

Claim 31 (Previously Presented) A paramagnetic silver powder having paramagnetism at an absolute temperature of 20K or higher, wherein said silver powder has a positive mass magnetization in an external magnetic field, H, of 4,000 Oe or greater and has a coercive force of 5 Gauss or less.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented) The paramagnetic silver powder of claim 31, wherein the size of particles of said silver powder is 40 μm or less.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) The paramagnetic silver powder of claim 31, wherein said silver powder has paramagnetism at an absolute temperature of 100K or higher.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented) The paramagnetic silver powder of claim 33, wherein said silver powder has paramagnetism at room temperature.

Claims 35-36 (Cancelled).

Claim 37 (Previously Presented) The paramagnetic silver powder of claim 31, wherein said silver powder has a saturated magnetic moment in an external magnetic field, H, in the range of 2,000 to 8,000 Oe.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented) The paramagnetic silver powder of claim 31, wherein said silver powder has super-paramagnetism at an absolute temperature of 100K or lower.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented) The paramagnetic silver powder of claim 38, wherein the size of particles of said silver powder is 3 μm or less.

Claim 40 (Cancelled).

Claim 41 (Previously Presented) The paramagnetic silver powder of claim 31, wherein said silver powder has a positive mass magnetization in which the slope of the mass magnetization curve, dM/dH , is positive at an absolute temperature of 100K or lower.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented) The paramagnetic silver powder of claim 41, wherein said silver powder has a positive mass magnetization as the inclination of the mass magnetization curve, dM/dH , is 3×10^{-7} emu/gOe or greater at an absolute temperature of 20K.

Claims 43-59 (Cancelled).